

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND1973 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 73-19Bill No. 73-18 (As Amended)Introduced by Mr. John Hardwicke

AN ACT to repeal Section 457B. of the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County, title "Public Disclosure", and to enact a new Section 457B., to be titled "Public Disclosure", providing for the public disclosure by every person seeking to be elected to any position under the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, of all real and personal property owned or which he has an interest in; of all corporations of which he is an officer, director or stockholder; and a full disclosure of all assets, liabilities, income and expenses; further providing that the County Executive shall take no public or official action on matters or things which he shall have a private, personal, pecuniary or financial interest; to further provide that no member of the County Council shall vote upon or participate in any matter in which he shall have a private, personal, pecuniary or financial interest; to provide that there shall be no attempt by any member of the Council to influence any member of the executive branch with respect to private or personal matters before the executive branch; and finally providing that no officer or employee of the County shall have any private interest in any matter or thing with respect to his employment by the County or official duties; and requiring heads of agencies of the executive branch and officials participating in zoning cases to prepare and file a disclosure of assets and liabilities by officers and employees of Harford County, Maryland.

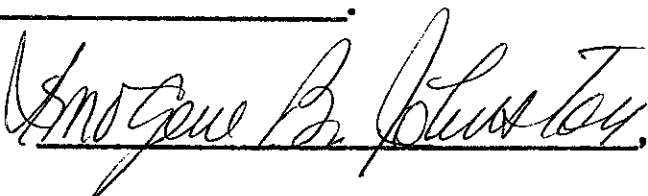
By the Council June 19, 1973, 197³

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on
July 17, 197³, at 7:00 P.M. in the
Council Hearing Room, Bel Air, Maryland.

By order, , Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing
and Title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public
hearing was held on July 17, 1973 and concluded
on July 17, 1973.

, Secretary

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by The County Council of Harford County,
2 Maryland, that Section 457B. of the Code of Public Local Laws of
3 Harford County titled, "PUBLIC DISCLOSURE", be, and it is , here-
4 by repealed and that a new Section 457B, be and it is hereby
5 added to the said Code in lieu thereof to stand in the place of
6 the section repealed, to read as follows:

7 457B. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

8 (a) Every person seeking to be elected to any position
9 under the provisions of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland,
10 shall at the time of filing for such election, prepare and submit
11 to the Council Secretary, under oath, a statement which shall
12 include the following:

13 (1) A list of all real property in Harford County
14 owned by him or by his spouse, or by him and any other person,
15 corporation or other entity.

16 (2) A list of all corporations doing business with
17 Harford County or which he may reasonably expect to do business
18 with Harford County, with respect to which he is a member of the
19 Board of Directors, an officer or an employee thereof, or with
20 respect to which he owns stock having a value in excess of Five
21 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

22 (3) A list of all persons, corporations or other
23 entities to which he owes a sum of money in an amount exceeding
24 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), said list to include the name
25 and address of the obligee and the amounts owed at the time of
26 filing.

27 (4) A full disclosure of all assets, liabilities,
28 income and expense, to the extent such assets, liabilities,
29 income and expenses are not disclosed in paragraphs (1), (2), or
30 (3) of this Section.

31 "THE INITIAL FILING OF THE STATEMENT REQUIRED BY
32 THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILED ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1973 FOR THE

1 CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1972. SUBSEQUENT STATEMENTS
2 REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION SHALL BE FILED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF
3 EACH YEAR FOR THE PRECEDING TAXABLE YEAR."

4 (b) The County Executive shall take no public or official
5 action concerning any matter or thing in which he shall have, a
6 private, personal, pecuniary or financial interest.

7 (c) No member of the Council shall vote upon, or in any
8 way participate in, any business or matter in which he shall have
9 a private, personal, pecuniary, or financial interest. The
10 provisions of this paragraph shall be complied with if such
11 member shall identify his private interest and shall thereupon
12 refrain from participating in any business concerning such
13 private interest.

14 (d) No attorney member or other professional member of the
15 Council shall vote upon or in any way participate in any business
16 or matter before the Council if such business or matter directly
17 concerns a client of such attorney or other professional member.

18 (e) No member of the Council shall attempt to influence any
19 member of the executive branch with respect to any private
20 or personal matter being considered by the executive branch or with
21 respect to any personal or private business with the jurisdiction
22 and control of the executive branch. The provisions of this
23 paragraph are in addition to and supplement the provisions of
24 Section 216 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland.

25 (f) No officer or employee of the County, including any
26 official participating in a zoning case shall have any private
27 interest, whether for monetary gain or otherwise, in any matter
28 or thing with respect to his employment by the County or with
29 respect to his official duties. Every head of an agency in the
30 executive branch of the County government and every official
31 participating in a zoning case shall, at the time of his appoint-
32 ment, and at least annually thereafter, prepare and file with the

1 County Executive a disclosure of his assets, liabilities, income
2 and expenses, and such other information as the Council may
3 require from time to time.

4 (g) Failure to file any statement required by this Act
5 shall be a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by a fine
6 not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), imprisonment for
7 not more than six (6) months, or both.

8 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted, that if any provisions of
9 this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance
10 is held invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not effect
11 the other provisions or any other application of this Act which
12 can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application,
13 and to this end, all the provisions of this Act are hereby declared
14 to be severable.

15 Section 3. And Be It Further Enacted, that this Act shall take
16 effect sixty (60) days following its enactment.

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18 Effective: October 16, 1973
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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed August 14, 1973 (With Amendments)

Failed of Passage

By order

Monroe B. Johnston, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for his approval this 15th day of August, 1973 at 12:00 o'clock P.M.

Monroe B. Johnston, Secretary



BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Charles B. Anderson, Jr., County Executive

Date: August 17, 1973

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on October 16, 1973

Monroe B. Johnston
Secretary